

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1223

By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dollywood.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to pay tribute to those notable sites that provide entertainment to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dollywood is most assuredly one such site and will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the Dollywood Company formed in November 1985, and in May 1986, the Dollywood theme park opened, doubling its attendance in its first season; and

WHEREAS, since its opening, Dollywood has welcomed more than forty million guests and has become the number one paid attraction in Tennessee, a top twenty theme park in the United States, and a top forty theme park in the world; and

WHEREAS, the popular park has launched three additional Dollywood brands through the years: Dollywood's Splash Country, which is the number one water park in the world; Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede, which has three locations in the United States; and Dollywood Vacations, a vacation-planning company and cabin resort; and

WHEREAS, the number one show park in the world, Dollywood and its related attractions currently serve more than four million guests per year; the theme park also has the number one Christmas event in the world, is in the top five in many categories, and has a top five wooden rollercoaster that has been twice ranked number one in the world; and

WHEREAS, owned by its namesake, music legend Dolly Parton, and nestled in the Great Smoky Mountains, Dollywood's unique beauty, stellar productions, thrilling rides, and Southern cuisine create a world-class attraction for visitors from Tennessee and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Dollywood's twenty-fifth anniversary and the people who have come together to make it possible truly constitute a testament to the joy and wonder experienced by so many of its visitors, and to the cherished memories they have created there; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Dollywood on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary and commend all of the people who have contributed to its establishment and maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.